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Basketball is a game that requires a lot of talent in order to succeed. The best players in the world are fast, strong, and agile, all on top of a particular set of basketball skills acquired over years of hard work and practice. The most talented players in the world have such a strong passion for the game of basketball, but you do not need to be strong, fast, or agile to share that passion with them. Take myself, for example, I do not have any of those characteristics and my skills for playing the game are not well developed. I do, however, have a love for the game of basketball. I love playing whenever I can, I love watching any game of basketball, men’s or women’s, and I could talk about the sport all day long if anybody let me. My love for the sport started around sixth grade, when I tried out for the town travel team for the first time. Most of the kids there had already been playing for quite some time, but I did not let that turn me off to the sport. I ended up making the team and loving it, as I played with roughly the same group of boys through my eighth grade year. When I got to high school, I knew that the competition was tough and I knew my playing skills weren’t the best, but even after getting cut in ninth and tenth grade, I never let it deter me from the game of basketball. Since tenth grade I have played for a couple of different AAU teams not affiliated with my high school, but I never ended up playing for the high school team. Despite my lack of playing experience, I still follow the National Basketball Association more than any other sport, and I still try to make time to go shoot around multiple times throughout the week. Through all of the times I have been cut from teams, I have learned the game of basketball quite well, and while my physical skills may not be developed enough to play competitively, I still hold the passion and love for the game of basketball that I developed over the course of my life.